

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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Population

1. The population of Kiev is between 800,000 and 1,000,000 and is almost entirely Ukrainian. There is a great deal of animosity between the Ukrainians and the Jewish population in Kiev, because the latter hold most of the best positions.

Appearance

2. The center of Kiev has been almost completely rebuilt since the war and is very modern; the buildings have been constructed in a modern style, of reinforced concrete, grayish white in color.
3. The main street in Kiev is Kreshchatik Street, a broad, asphalted street which is wide enough to accommodate four vehicles travelling abreast. Kiev streets are well lighted with neon (sic) street lights. Streets are well marked by name plates at street corners.
4. Kiev has numerous monuments. The most outstanding of these is the Lenin monument located at the entrance to one of the bridges across the Dnepr River. At the other end of the same bridge there is a monument dedicated to the Ukrainian worker. This consists of the figure of a man and one of a woman with a child in her arms. The figures are clad in workers' clothes. There is also a monument to Pushkin in Pushkin Square.

Transportation

5. The railroad station in Kiev is very modern in design. It has a large central waiting room with numerous counters where magazines, confections, etc. can be purchased. Ticket windows are also located on the main floor. The station is extremely well guarded by the militia. At various times it is necessary to show identification merely to enter the station.
6. Kiev has electric streetcars, trolley buses, and regular gasoline or diesel-driven buses. Streetcars are of different colors, the predominant ones being blue

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and white or blue and red. Different lines frequently have different colors. A bus line runs between Kiev and Dnepropetrovsk (N48-27, E34-59). A streetcar line goes to Darnitsa, a suburb of Kiev.

7. The taxi system in Kiev is adequate. Equipment includes ZIS and Pobeda automobiles, which are either dark blue or black in color, with the upper part checkered.

#### Black Market

8. Blackmarketing in Kiev consists only of that activity whereby certain items are sold at higher prices than would be charged if the goods were readily available to the general public(sic). Items of this type, including farm products, vary according to season. Selling for higher than authorized prices is strictly forbidden, but the militia frequently overlooks it, especially since the militia patrols stand to gain from these transactions.

#### Power Supply

9. [ ] not know the source of power of Kiev. The current is 220-volt alternating current. During the morning peak hours, there is a noticeable weakening of the power supply. During the evening peak hours, the local radio station can barely be heard.

#### Radio Reception

10. Most of the apartment buildings in Kiev are equipped with loudspeaker systems which broadcast standard programs along Party lines. Very few of the inhabitants have radios capable of receiving foreign broadcasts.

#### Publications

11. The most popular newspaper in Kiev is Izvestiya. Also available are Pravda, Komsomolskaya Pravda, and Krasnaya Zvezda.

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